

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Health Services Council**  
**Project Review Committee-II**

**DATE: 11 January 2007      TIME: 2:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Conference Room 205**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Wallace Gernt, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., Denise Panichas**

**Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)**

**Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Maria R. Gil**

**Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter**

**Public: (Attached)**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability**

**The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The minutes of 14 September 2006, and 5 and 19 October 2006 Project Review Committee-II meeting were approved as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Gernt, Graziano, Quigley, Ross, Shire.**

## **2. General Order of Business**

**The first item on the agenda was the application of DSI Renal, Inc. and DSI Holding Company, Inc. [Diversified Specialty Institutes, Inc. and Centre Partners IV, LLC] for change in effective control of two kidney dialysis facilities: BMA Providence at 40 Hemingway Drive in East Providence and BMA North Providence at 1635 Mineral Spring Avenue in North Providence. Staff noted that Mr. Goulet is legal counsel of the applicant.**

**Mr. Goulet noted that Federal Trade Commission ordered Fresenius to spin off certain facilities in order to preserve competitive balance across the country. He noted that two of these facilities are in Rhode Island. He stated that DSI and Fresenius entered into a divestiture**

agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Health and put money into escrow pending the completion of the review. He stated that this is a piece of \$450 million deal and these two facilities have been operated by DSI with a governing Board Member from Fresenius. He noted that a Fresenius person is the central governing body authority at each facility.

Mr. Cook, representative of DSI, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the history of applicant and its operations. To the question if there will be a full time Medical Director licensed in Rhode Island at these facilities, the applicant answered yes.

Staff requested that a copy of the applicant's proposed charity care policy be provided. The applicant was asked and agreed to a condition of approval that the applicant implement that charity care policy.

Vice Chair requested that the applicant comment on the letter from the Department of Human Services that was handed out regarding a balance due to Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program. Mr. Goulet noted that he contacted DHS but that he doesn't have information regarding the origin of this balance.

Mr. Ross noted that the DHS liability should be addressed. Mr. Gernt stated that this Committee is meeting again on January 25th and suggested that the applicant be scheduled for that meeting. He noted

**that he would like to see their charity care policy.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova**